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"24-HYDROXYVITAMIN D, ANALOGS AND USES THEREOF"

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Response to Final Office Action in the above-identified application. Applicant claims small entity status.

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